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Application of: Kolesnick *et al.*

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For: METHODS FOR THE
MODULATION OF ACID-
SPHINGOMYELINASE-RELATED
APOPTOSIS (as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the remarks and enter the amendments below. Applicants submit herewith (i) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; (ii) an Information Disclosure Statement and list of References Cited (AA-CI) (including copies of References AA-AI); (iii) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the specification, with additions indicated by double-underlined text and deletions indicated by brackets; (iv) Exhibit B, a marked up version of the amended claims, with additions indicated by double-underlined text and deletions indicated by brackets; and (v) Exhibit C, a copy of the claims as will be pending following entry of the amendments made herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1, please amend the title to read as follows:

METHODS FOR THE MODULATION OF ACID-SPHINGOMYELINASE-
RELATED APOPTOSIS